

Parent Resources: An Internet Pathfinder

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Introduction

This Internet pathfinder was developed by the Head Start Publications Management Center's Information Services and Web Development teams. Its purpose is to assist Head Start programs, their partners, and the larger Head Start community in locating useful electronic resources for parents and those who work with them. It is not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative, but rather to serve as a launch pad toward the wealth of materials available on the Internet that could interest and involve parents in their children's and their own education.

This guide is available with active web links on computer diskette for Word or WordPerfect programs. It will soon be available on the HSPMC web site at: <http://hskids-tmssc.org>. Questions or suggestions may be addressed to Rita Fravel or Nanette Lofaro at (202) 737-1030 or sent via e-mail to: ritaf@hskids-tmssc.org or nanettel@hskids-tmssc.org.

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Child Care

Child Care Net Family Page

Internet: <http://www.nicon.org/ChildCareNet/Family/Family.htm>

Steps to finding quality child care, choosing day care, and developmental milestones are issues addressed on this site.

Choices for Children

Internet: <http://www.choices4children.org/resources.html>

Site features information on child care options, and assistance in finding child care arrangements best suited to a parent's needs.

KinderGuide

Internet: <http://www.prw.com/~kguide/>

On-line magazine for parents focusing on child care issues is featured on this site.

National Child Care Information Center

Internet: <http://nccic.org>

A service of the Child Care Bureau, this clearinghouse site contains information on research, leadership forums, organizations, and publications focusing on child care issues.

Child Development

Carolina Baby Connection

Internet: <http://www.carolinababy.com/>

Health, safety, and general parenting topics that span pregnancy to early childhood are featured on this site.

The Child Development Web Site

Internet: <http://idealist.com/children/>

Unusual feature of this site is a tutorial@hyperlink to theories on child development of Freud, Mahler and Erikson. Site also includes links to other child development sites.

early childhood development

Internet: <http://www.wholefamily.com/parentcenter/ecd.html>

Site features one page article on how parents can help their children make an easier transition into pre-school.

Early Childhood On Line

Internet: <http://www.ume.maine.edu/~cofed/eceol/welcome.shtml>

Site for the early childhood education listserv, an electronic discussion group primarily for educators.

The Early Years: Get Smart

Internet: <http://www.kidscampaigns.org/Hot/Early/getsmart.html>

Site is designed in two-column format, with issues in child development on one side, such as child care, health care, parent care, and Aget smart@resources such as thumbnail facts, articles, and links to other sources on the opposite side.

National Network for Childcare: Child Development

Internet:

<http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/nbcc/Child.Dev/child.dev.page.html>

Extensive list of articles on child development from infancy to early childhood are featured on this site.

Zero to Three Presents the Young Explorers

Internet: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>

National organization dedicated to infant and toddler development, this site includes a section devoted to parenting, including developmental milestones, general parenting information and Atip of the week.@

Education

General Educational Resources

America Goes Back To School

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/Family/agbts/>

AGBTS is a U.S. Department of Education initiative to encourage greater family and community involvement in education. The site has information on best practices and model programs as well as many public awareness materials.

Children, Youth and Family Consortium's Electronic Clearinghouse

Internet: <http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/>

The Families and Learning pages contain links for parents, kids, and teachers interested in family involvement in education. They also provide links to research materials and critical issues such as using new technologies for learning.

Early Childhood Education On Line

Internet: <http://www.ume.maine.edu/~cofed/eceol/welcome.shtml>

This site provides online resources on early childhood development and education. They also have a section with links to helpful Internet information such as online tutorials for using the Internet, learning Net etiquette, and web page creation.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Internet: <http://ericee.org/>

This clearinghouse site has bibliographies on topics in early childhood education that can be ordered from ERIC as well as links to additional resources such as AskERIC and Parents AskERIC, and the National Parent Information Network.

Family Education Network

Internet: <http://www.familyeducation.com/home>

An informative, interactive site that is nicely organized according to children's age groups, FEN provides news, online polls and quizzes, advice and more for parents.

National Parent Information Network

Internet: <http://npin.org/>

This ERIC Clearinghouse site has resources for parents and educators who work with parents, including online publications, related web links, and an

online magazine: **Parent News**.

Parents as Teachers National Center

Internet: <http://www.patnc.org/home.html>

Parents as Teachers is an family education and support program for parents with children from birth to age five. It emphasizes early childhood learning as crucial to a child's later development and stresses the role of parents as primary teachers.

Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (PFIE)

Internet: <http://pfie.ed.gov/>

PFIE is a U.S. Department of Education partnership aimed at increasing family-community-school involvement. Their site gives information on building partnerships, a list of partners and current initiatives, news updates, and publications.

U.S. Department of Education

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/>

The U.S. Department of Education's web site offers many resources for educators, parents, and others interested in education. Under their A Most Requested Items list is a link to online publications for parents that has some great resources.

Bilingual Education Resources

The Bilingual Families Web Page

Internet: <http://www.nethelp.no/cindy/biling-fam.html>

This is a relatively new site still under construction, but it has quite a few resources already available for bilingual families and provides pointers to resources in a number of languages.

The Comenius English Language Center

Internet: <http://www.comenius.com/index.html>

A rich resource for finding material for teaching English to non-English speakers, this site can be accessed in many different languages and offers course materials, online exercises, and a database of educational software.

National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition

Internet: <http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/>

A great source for information on bilingual education, this site has an online library, searchable databases, and extensive links to additional resources on the web. They also have a page for educators that features a foreign language database where users can search for how to say phrases in different languages.

Activities for Parents and Children

Browser plug-ins are needed to fully access many of the games and activities below. The following plug-ins can be downloaded free from the sites listed:

Shockwave - *Enables and enhances animation.*

Internet: <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/>

RealAudio's RealPlayer - *An audio program that allows several types of sound files to be played on computers and tunes in Internet radio and TV stations. Also known as a Streaming technology.*

Internet: <http://www.real.com/>

QuickTime - *A popular multimedia plug-in that allows users to play video, sound and music.*

Internet: <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/>

Berit's Best Sites For Children

Internet: http://db.cochran.com/li_toc:theoPage.db

A well-organized directory of recommended web sites for children up to age 12 with reviews and ratings for each site. General subject areas include: Holidays, Just for Fun, Creatures Great & Small, and Serious Stuff.

Chateau Meddybemps Uncommon Amusements for Grown-Ups & Children

Internet: <http://www.meddybemps.com/>

Interactive educational activities, stories, and a section on early learning resources are some of the highlights of this whimsical site.

Crayola Parents and Familyplay

Internet: <http://www.crayola.com/parents/index.html>

and <http://www.familyplay.com/>

Crayola has two web sites for parents and children. Crayola Parents links to the Rainbow Room, an interactive site for preschoolers. **Familyplay** is an activity

resource center where parents can find ideas for games and projects to do with their children. It has a database where users can search activities by age level.

Dr. Seuss= Seussville

Internet: <http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/>

This colorful site features well-known Dr. Seuss characters in interactive games, allows parents and children to ask the Cat in the Hat questions, and showcases books and CD-ROMs by Dr. Seuss. Most of the games require the Shockwave plug-in.

Enchanted Learning Software= On-Line Activities

Internet: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/>

This educational software company offers many on-line educational resources on their web site. Among those featured are an interactive picture dictionary available in several languages; dinosaur, whale and shark learning activities; stories and nursery rhymes; and many craft ideas.

Funschool.com

Internet: <http://www.funschool.com/>

This site provides interactive, educational games for parents to share with children from preschool through second grade. The site requires Netscape 3.0 or Microsoft Internet Explore 3.0 (or higher) to view, and games may take some time to load, but there are activities to keep users occupied while they wait.

Hop Pop Town

Internet: <http://www.kids-space.org/HPT/>

Welcome Rabbit and Help Raccoon guide viewers through creative, musical adventures and interactive activities. Most of the activities require Shockwave and/or LiveAudio plug-ins and are well worth the time spent downloading.

Idea Box: Early Childhood Education & Activity Resources

Internet: <http://www.theideabox.com/>

An online magazine-style site with lots of ideas for parents and educators organized by topic or type of activity. They also offer a free monthly newsletter through e-mail.

International Kids= Space

Internet: <http://www.kids-space.org/>

These pages feature games and other activities and include an art gallery and storybook pages where children can contribute their own work.

Kids Domain

Internet: <http://www.kidsdomain.com/kids.html>

Online games are neatly organized by what plug-ins or other capabilities are needed to run them and then by appropriate age groups. This site also has clip art, crafts and other activities for the changing seasons and holidays, and features pages specifically for parents in Grownups Place. Links to shareware and freeware for kids are included.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

Internet: <http://www.ringling.com/home.jtmpl>

The home page of the AGreatest Show on Earth® has wonderful animation and many interactive, educational activities for parents and children.

Schoolhouse Rock

Internet: <http://genxtvland.simplenet.com/SchoolHouseRock/index-lo.shtml>

This is the series that brought Saturday TV viewers Multiplication Rock, Grammar Rock, America Rock, Science Rock, and Scooter Computer and Mr. Chips. This graphics-intensive site catalogs the original songs and gives the full lyrics accompanied by sound and video files. Fun and educational but very slow to load depending on your computer's speed.

The Theodore Tugboat Online Activity Center

Internet: <http://www.cochran.com/theodore/>

A colorful site with online activities, stories, screen savers and wallpaper, as well as two very helpful online guides for parents and educators: **Media Literacy Guide** and **Berit's Best Sites for Children**.

Adult Education

Adult Learning: Resources for Learners and Educators (PBS)

Internet: <http://www.pbs.org/adultlearning/>

PBS offers distance learning classes for educators and adult students. Their site has class schedules and enrollment information.

American Council on Education

Internet: <http://www.acenet.edu/>

ACE has many resources for adult learners in their Center for Adult Learning

and Educational Credentials pages. They produce the **Pocket Guide to College Credit and Degrees: Valuable Information for Adult Learners Seeking College Degrees** which can be ordered for \$9.95. They also have resources for individuals with disabilities in the HEATH Resource Center.

ERIC Adult Career and Vocational Education (ACVE) Center for Education and Training for Employment (CETE)

Internet: <http://www.ericacve.org>

The ERIC Clearinghouse for Adult, Career, and Vocational Education produces many publications on adult education which are listed with ordering information. They provide a very helpful list of related links.

FREE (Federal Resources for Educational Excellence)

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/free/what.html>

This U.S. Department of Education site offers hundreds of web-based federally supported educational resources organized by topic areas and searchable by keywords.

Free-ed.net: Free Education on the Internet

Internet: <http://www.free-ed.net/>

This site offers free online courses, tutorials, and study guides. They have a browsable subject directory and a drop down menu organized by topic to locate course information. Displayed topic areas include available courses with outlines, interactive textbooks, quizzes and tests, related web resources, and mailing lists.

Internet Directory of Literacy and Adult Education Resources

Internet: <http://sagrelto.com/elandh/hwwwndx.htm>

An online guide to web resources on adult education and literacy.

Literacy

Just Add Kids: A Resource Directory of Learning Partners, Reading Sites, and Other Literacy Organizations that Serve Children and Their Families

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/Family/JustAddKids/>

Part of the U.S. Department of Education's READ*WRITE*NOW! program, this directory lists learning partners, reading sites, and other resources for families and communities interested in improving children's reading and writing skills.

Literacy Online

Internet: <http://litserver.literacy.upenn.edu/>

Part of the National Center for Adult Literacy at the University of Pennsylvania, this is a very helpful and comprehensive site on literacy with research papers, information on the latest technologies, and an easy to use drop-down menu for selecting resources by topic and geographic areas.

LiteracyLink (PBS)

Internet: <http://www.pbs.org/adultlearning/literacy/>

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, LiteracyLink is a program using instructional video and online computer resources to help adults advance their reading, GED, and workplace skills. Their web site offers many resources for educators and adult learners including information on literacy and learning disabilities.

Fatherhood

Center for Successful Fathering

Internet: <http://www.fathering.org/>

This organization's web site contains public awareness resources, research findings, and educational materials which can be ordered online.

Father & FamilyLink

Internet: <http://www.upenn.edu/gse/ncoff/fatherlink/index.htm>

A site featuring several online research databases, fact sheets, and a contact list of related organizations. They also offer news updates and a calendar of upcoming events.

FatherNet (Children, Youth and Family Consortium, University of Minnesota)

Internet: <http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/Fathernet/>

This site features news, articles and publications relevant to fatherhood. It also offers a bibliography and hosts an e-mail discussion group for persons interested in fatherhood issues.

The Fatherhood Project Home Page

Internet: <http://www.fatherhoodproject.org/>

Part of the Families and Work Institute, this project produced the **Fatherhood USA** documentary which aired on PBS. Their site lists publications and useful related links on fatherhood.

Fathering Magazine

Internet: <http://www.fathermag.com/>

This monthly online magazine features news, articles, and creative writing concerning fathers and fatherhood.

Fathers: Kids Campaigns Issues

Internet: <http://www.kidscampaigns.org/Whoside/Maddads/fathers.html>

The Kids Campaign web site offers a series of online articles on many issues relevant to fathers and fatherhood including ones on community building and involvement in schools. It also includes lists of fatherhood groups and state resources for fathers.

National Center on Fathering

Internet: <http://www.fathers.com/>

This site offers practical tips, an online bookstore, services for connecting with other fathers, and recent research findings on fatherhood.

National Fatherhood Initiative

Internet: <http://www.fatherhood.org/>

This nonprofit organization offers an online catalog, a listing of online resources, tips and advice for fathers, and relevant links for further information.

Slowlane.com: The Online Resource for Stay At Home Dads

Internet: <http://www.slowlane.com/>

This site offers articles, media clips, suggested books, and other resources for fathers who stay at home. It also highlights services to connect fathers with other stay at home dads in their local communities.

Health

American Academy of Pediatrics

Internet: <http://www.aap.org/>

AAP has an online publications catalog and parent resources on children's health available on their web site.

Association for the Care of Children's Health

Internet: <http://Look.net/ACCH/>

A membership organization web site that offers publications and other resources on family-centered health care.

Babyhood: Health and Safety

Internet: <http://www.babyhood.com/links/health/>

This site compiles web resources on infant development, health, and safety. It includes nutrition, preventive medicine, and breast-feeding links.

Bright Futures

Internet: <http://www.brightfutures.org>

The Bright Futures site is an excellent source of information on children's health and development from infancy to early adulthood. Material is presented by age categories and then further broken down into recommended health visit schedules and developmental guidelines according to a child's age. Information on injury prevention, social development, family relationships, nutrition and dental health is provided in each section.

Every Child By Two: The Carter/Bumpers Campaign for Early Immunization

Internet: <http://www.ecbt.org/>

This public awareness campaign site provides information on vaccinations children should receive by age two. They have an online CDC guide: **Parent's Guide to Childhood Immunization** and an easy-to-understand version of the CDC recommended immunization schedule for children from birth to six years.

EyeNet: Public Information

Internet: <http://www.eyenet.org/public/pi/>

A good site for consumer information on eye care, health, and safety issues.

Healthfinder

Internet: <http://www.healthfinder.org>

This U.S. government site serves as a gateway to consumer health and human services information by connecting users to online publications, information clearinghouses, databases, and other health and support resources.

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions Info-Net: Patient Advocacy Numbers

Internet: <http://infonet.welch.jhu.edu/advocacy.html>

This page gives phone numbers and web links for many health, self-help, and social service organizations.

KidCare -Health and Well-Being for Children

Internet: <http://www.charm.net/~jblake/kidcare.htm>

This is good site for finding links to information on children's health issues such as immunizations, allergies, managed care and other insurance issues, and it also provides several helpful tips on caring for sick children.

kidsDoctor

Internet: <http://www.kidsdoctor.com/>

Parents and other caregivers can search the kidsDoctor database or browse the topic list provided to find information on specific symptoms or general health concerns.

KidsHealth.org

Internet: <http://www.kidshealth.org/index2.html>

This Nemours Foundation site provides comprehensive health information for parents, teens, and kids. Their section for parents has information on behavior, infections, first-aid, safety, and nutrition, among many other topics, which link to online articles and other information. The section for kids has links to interactive games and learning activities.

Pediatric Database (PEDBASE)

Internet: <http://www.icondata.com/health/pedbase/pedlynx.htm>

This online database contains information on over 550 childhood illnesses. The database can be downloaded as Shareware or browsed by topic on the web site. Quite a lot of the information uses clinical terminology, but this is still a useful source of information on specific medical illnesses.

Pediatric Points of Interest

Internet: <http://www.med.jhu.edu/peds/neonatology/>

This is a great site to launch off from when searching for consumer pediatric health or parenting information. The Parenting Resources link brings up a five page table of specific links to sites on asthma, neurological disorders, child nutrition and many other subjects.

Mental Health

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Internet: <http://www.aacap.org/>

This site has a series of fact sheets for parents on various psychiatric disorders and other issues. They are available in English, Spanish and French.

Healthier You: The Virtual Reference Guide for the Informed Mental Health Consumer

Internet: <http://www.mhsource.com/healthieryou.html>

An extremely useful site for consumer information on mental health. It lists articles and fact sheets, newsgroups and mailing lists, and has a directory for additional web resources on mental health.

Internet Mental Health

Internet: <http://www.mentalhealth.com/>

Another helpful site for consumer information, this one offers resources on specific disorders, diagnoses, and medications. It features an online magazine of indexed articles on various mental health topics.

Mental Health Net

Internet: <http://www.cmhc.com/>

This is one of the largest mental health web sites with over 8500 indexed resources aimed at consumers and professionals.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Internet: <http://www.nami.org/>

A national advocacy organization site that offers fact sheets, news updates, and detailed medical information on mental illnesses.

National Institute of Mental Health

Internet: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/home.htm>

Under Public Information are many useful articles and other publications aimed at a consumer audience. Other features are several Quick Time videos on brain imaging.

Parenting

General Sites for Parents

CTW Family Workshop

Internet: <http://www.ctw.org>

Children's Television Workshop produces the TV shows Sesame Street and Big Bag. Their web site changes daily offering new topics for parents and children to explore in the Parents=Toolbox, the Networked Family, the Preschool Playground, and Sesame Street Central. There are lots of educational activities and useful parenting information on this site.

Family.com

Internet: <http://family.disney.com/>

Disney's interactive magazine-style site for parents and children has news articles and features on: education, activities with children, parenting, food, and travel.

The Family Park

Internet: <http://www.neosoft.com/neopolis/park/default.html>

The Family Park provides links to online magazines, services and programs, and educational sites for parents and children.

The F.U.N. Place: Parents United on the Net

Internet: <http://www.thefunplace.com/>

This site provides information on home repair, gardening, cooking, and parenting. It also offers chat lines and bulletin boards for parents to exchange information.

The Librarian's Guide To Cyberspace for Parents & Kids

Internet: <http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/guide.html>

A wonderful guide for finding web sites for parents and children. It also has a good general introduction to the Internet and presents safety tips for parents who have children using the web.

National Network for Child Care: Parent Resources

Internet: <http://www.nncc.org/Parent/parent.page.html#anchor727040>

NNCC has an extensive list of online resources for parents that includes materials on parenting, divorce, clothing, and parent-provider communication. Many of the files are in PDF form and require the Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The Parent Advisor

Internet: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/~rowley/mums/home.htmlx>

This site offers a wide selection of health, safety and consumer information for parents. It includes updates on product recalls, tips on parenting, and career strategies for parents wanting to return to the workforce.

Parents- Plus and Parenting Q&A

Internet: <http://www.parentsplus.com/> and <http://www.parenting-qa.com/>

Parents Plus, Inc. is a service company that provides resources on parenting and family life. Their Parenting Q&A site features a database that is an excellent tool for locating resources for parents. Users can search by keyword or select main topic areas such as behavior, family support, or special needs. Each topic area links to extensive listings of core resources and subtopics which can be explored further. Listed resources can include books, periodicals, organizations, and tip and fact sheets. Extremely well organized and user friendly.

The U. S. Consumer Information Center's Consumer Resource Handbook

Internet: <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov>

The 1998-99 edition is available online with full-text versions of hundreds of consumer publications.

Parenting Skills

ABC's of Parenting

Internet: <http://www.abcparenting.com/>

Comprehensive site includes vast selection of topics on parenting and childcare, including health, nutrition, education, and safety.

Active Parenting Publishers Online

Internet: <http://www.activeparenting.com/>

This site offers publications for parent education, parenting and leader training workshops and seminars, and information on how to start parent education groups.

BabyCenter

Internet: <http://www.babycenter.com/>

Offers timely information on topics covering pre-natal to toddler development, including health, nutrition, parenting and childcare. Parenting chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards are available.

Early Childhood Educators= and Family Web Corner: Family Sites

Internet: <http://www.nauticom.net/www/cokids/Family.html>

Grandparenting as well as parenting information are features on this site, including activities with children, and a parenting resource section.

Expect the Best From a Girl

Internet: <http://www.academic.org/>

Sponsored by the Office of Communications at Mt. Holyoke College, as the title suggests, this site is dedicated to information on parenting and childhood issues as they pertain to females. Resources include tips for parents on how to affect positive experiences for their daughters.

I am Your Child

Internet: <http://www.iamyourchild.org/>

Online center for information on resources for parents and early childhood development.

KidSource Online

Internet: <http://www.kidsource.com/>

Education and healthcare information for parents is featured on this site, that includes infants through children in grade 12. Also included are links to organizations, and product information.

Parent Soup

Internet: <http://www.parentsoup.com/>

In addition to general parenting information, this site includes interactive information such as chat rooms, bulletin boards, daily polls, and daily online conversations with a pediatrician.

ParenthoodWeb

Internet: <http://www.parenthoodweb.com/>

Site features weekly newsletter on parenting, plus access to archived articles, and a special section on activities for parents and children.

Parenting: Babies and Toddlers

Internet: <http://babyparenting.miningco.com/>

Baby parenting information focusing on infants and toddlers including safety, sibling rivalry, social development, and child nutrition, and a parenting newsletter.

ParentsPlace.com

Internet: <http://www.parentsplace.com/>

In addition to a wealth of information on parenting, this site features an Ask the expert@section with electronic access to a pediatrician, teacher, and nutritionist, among others.

ParentTime

Internet:

<http://www.pathfinder.com/ParentTime/homepage/homepage.all.html>

Information focuses on pregnancy and early childcare, including tips for new parents.

Safety

Child Secure Catalog: Big Safety for Little Kids

Internet: <http://www.childsecure.com/>

This company specializes in safety products for infants and toddlers and has an easy to search online catalog. They also offer a free Pediatric Newsletter and databases for free health and safety information.

eSafety.com - A ParenthoodWeb Family Site

Internet: http://www.esafety.com/esafety_cfmfiles/index.cfm

This site showcases the **Kids Safe & Sound Guide** with links to online information on specific safety issues. It focuses on home safety, but also covers transportation issues and infections. Also useful is its compilation of recent product safety recalls.

Kids Campaigns - The Early Years: Children's Safety and Environment

Internet: <http://www.kidscampaigns.org/Hot/Early/safety.html>

Kids Campaigns provides a guide to many organizations and online resources concerned with children's safety and environmental health issues.

Kids Fire Safety Tips

Internet: <http://members.cruzio.com/~hoax1950/KidsFireSafetyTips.html>

A colorful kid-friendly site with cartoon characters who represent fire safety equipment and offer safety and prevention tips.

National SAFE KIDS Campaign

Internet: <http://www.safekids.org/home.html>

National SAFEKIDS Online focuses on child safety issues with a particular emphasis on car safety. They regularly post child safety seat recalls and have a Child Car Seat Locator which can be searched by a child's age and weight. A resource catalog and fact sheet series are also available on their site.

Safe & Sound Kids

Internet: <http://www.safesoundkids.com/>

This company produces a full line of safety products for children covering first-aid, kitchen, nursery, bath, fire, electrical, and bicycle safety categories. Their site also offers safety tips, children's product recalls, and links to related sites.

Safe Within

Internet: <http://www.safewithin.com/home.cgi>

This site features safety information organized by topic: travel, auto, home, child, pet, and personal safety. Each subject area has links to statistics, fact sheets, and other online safety information.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Internet: <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

A federal government agency site with loads of information for parents and other consumers on product safety. They also have special pages for kids.

Special Needs

Americans with Disabilities Act Information Center for the Mid-Atlantic Region

Internet: <http://www.adainfo.org/>

This site provides information on technical assistance, training, resources, and referrals on the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The ARC of the United States Home Page

Internet: <http://TheArc.org/welcome.html>

A national organization on mental retardation, the Arc's Web site includes research information, a publications catalog, and government reports.

The Beach Center on Families and Disability

Internet: <http://www.lsi.ukans.edu/beach/beachhp.htm>

Affiliated with the Special Education Department of the University of Kansas, this site contains research briefs, disability and families studies, information on support organizations and links to other relevant sites.

Center for Applied Special Technology

Internet: <http://www.cast.org/>

CAST is an educational, not-for-profit organization that uses technology to expand opportunities for all people, including those with disabilities. Site includes publications, on-line resources, and teaching tools and strategies.

Center for Accessible Technology

Internet: <http://www.el.net/CAT/index.html>

The Center is a non-profit organization that works with children and adults with disabilities, their families, teachers, counselors, and employers to explore computers systems, adaptive devices and software. Features on this site include voice-input, adapting web browsers, and assistive technology articles and information.

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

Internet: <http://www.chadd.org/>

Focusing on Attention Deficit Disorders, this site offers information on parenting children with ADD, list of books on ADD, and fact sheets.

DO-IT Program at the University of Washington (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology)

Internet: <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~doit/>

Site includes information on programs that promote technology maximize independence and productivity of persons with disabilities.

Dreamms for Kids , Inc.: Assistive Technology Solutions

Internet: <http://www.dreamms.org/>

Developmental Research for the Effective Advancement of Memory and Motor Skills (DREAMMS) site specializes in assistive technology research, development and information, including awareness support, monthly newsletter and training seminars.

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education

Internet: <http://www.cec.sped.org/ericec.htm>

Site contains comprehensive research and other information, such as digests, fact sheets, listservs, and links to other information sources on disabilities and gifted education.

Family Village - A Global Community of Disability-Related Resources

Internet: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/kennedy/>

Site includes informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, and disability-related media and literature.

The Federal Research Center for Special Education

Internet: <http://www.dssc.org/frc/>

The FRC supports a nationwide special education technical assistance network (funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services). Site contains information on national meetings of education professionals, identifies emerging issues and trends in special education, and links to Regional Resource Centers.

Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation

Internet: <http://www.hellofriend.org/>

Sponsored by the Ennis William Cosby Foundation, site focuses on information pertaining to persons with learning differences.

LD Online: The Interactive Guide to Learning Disabilities for Parents, Teachers, and

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Internet: <http://www.ldonline.org/>

A service of the Learning Project of WETA, Washington, DC, this site features current updates on Learning Disabilities, where to find help, conference calendar, and KidZone, containing artwork and stories by children with learning disabilities.

MedWeb at Emory University Health Sciences Center Library: Disabilities

Internet: <http://www.gen.emory.edu/medweb/medweb.disabled.html>

Site covers comprehensive issues on disabilities, including individual disabilities such as ADD and Blindness, plus resources such as electronic documents, grants and funding, and other related topics.

The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

Internet: <http://nichcy.org/>

Comprehensive Web site, NICHCY is the national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. Special focus is children and youth (birth to age 22). Site includes publications in Spanish and English.

Through the Looking Glass

Internet: <http://www.lookingglass.org/>

Through the Looking Glass is a community non-profit organization focused on clinical and supportive services, training and research serving families in which either parent or child has a disability. Provides resources and information on supportive services.

Technology

America Links Up: A Kids Online Teach In

Internet: <http://www.americalinksup.org/>

This public awareness site provides parents and children with tips and tools to help ensure safe usage of the Internet. It contains a database of educational events taking place statewide on how to use the Internet safely and effectively.

Center for Neighborhood Technology: AMaking Cities Work®

Internet: <http://www.cnt.org/>

This Chicago-based organization produces several online publications and has pages on sustainable development, energy efficiency, and transportation issues within urban environments. They also have an Information and Public Education Project designed to promote empowerment and learning among community groups.

The Children's Partnership

Internet: <http://www.childrenspartnership.org/home.html>

TCP is a nonprofit organization focused on children's issues including children and the Internet. Their site has an Online Resource Center for parents which has safety tips, Parents' Guide to the Information Superhighway, and other web resources.

Children's Software Revue

Internet: <http://www2.childrenssoftware.com/childrenssoftware/>

This site offers a searchable database of over 3000 software programs for children with reviews and purchase information.

The Community Connector: Community Networks and Community Information Systems

Internet: <http://www.si.umich.edu/Community/>

This University of Michigan site provides extensive information on community information systems and community building. It has a list of online papers, a directory of community networks with web links, and special sections on technology, partnerships, and funding.

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Internet: <http://www.ctcnet.org/>

CTCNet is a network of over 250 community technology centers striving to improve public access to computers and computer technologies. A contact list of their centers is provided. They also have several useful online publications on community technology and equitable access.

ICONnect: Connecting Learners to Information

Internet: <http://www.ala.org/ICONN/index.html>

This American Association of School Librarians (AASL) technology initiative encourages the use of the Internet for learning. They offer many online courses on navigating and searching the web and have special pages for kids and parents.

Libraries for the Future

Internet: <http://www.lff.org/>

LFF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to information equity. Their site offers information on the ACCESS program, an educational, community-library collaboration in underserved communities, which helps develop Family Place sites, Community and Economic Development Access sites, and Education Access sites in these communities.

Neighborhood Networks

Internet: <http://www.hud.gov/nnw/nnwindex.html>

A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development community-based initiative to develop computer learning resource centers in low-income neighborhoods. This site offers databases on the following: NN Coordinators; Geographic List of Centers; Property Database; Resources Database; and News and Conferences databases.

New York Institute for Special Education-s (NYISE) Helping Hand to the Internet

Internet: <http://www.nyise.org/education/index.html>

While this site is focused on special education, it has some very good general information on the Internet including safety issues, plug-ins and downloads, audio/multimedia features, and a page devoted to search engines.

Parents Guide to the Internet

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/>

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An online guide produced by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Office of Educational Technology which provides a useful overview of the Internet and its educational uses.

Project OPEN: The Online Public Education Network

Internet: <http://www.isa.net/project-open/>

This organization offers several online brochures on safety and privacy issues for consumers using the Internet.

The Review Zone

Internet: <http://www.thereviewzone.com/>

This site offers extensive reviews of educational software programs for children and families. It features pages on Early Learning, Family Computing, and many others grouped by subject and/or intended audience.

SmartParent.com

Internet: <http://www.smartparent.com/>

This online resource is devoted to keeping parents informed about safety issues affecting their children using the Internet. They give safety tips and produce an online newsletter, **The SmartParent Newsletter**.

St. Joseph County Public Library's List of Public Libraries with WWW Services

Internet:

<http://sjcpl.lib.in.us/homepage/PublicLibraries/PublicLibraryServers.html>

This public library maintains a searchable database of public libraries with WWW services and sites.